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REQUEST**FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

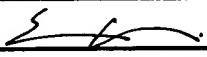
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other 		
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other 		
2.	Miscellaneous		
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)		
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Petition to Withdraw from Issue		
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 		
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed		
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)		

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TRANSMITTAL FORM		Application Number	09/916,484	RECEIVED
		Filing Date	July 30, 2001	
		First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.	
		Group Art Unit	2823	MAR 29 2004
		Examiner Name	S. Foong	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	0756-2344	

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers <i>(for an Application)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration and Power of Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (<i>Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosures 1. Petition to Withdraw from Issue 2. RCE 3. 4. 5. 6.	
		Remarks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2280 for the above identified docket number.	

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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2. Payment Enclosed:
 Check Credit Card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001 385 Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002 170 Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003 265 Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004 385 Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005 80 Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	-20** =	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-3** =		X \$86	
Multiple Dependent				

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)			

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253 465 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255 1005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	\$130.00
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$770.00
1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			
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